

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U. S. Application No. 09/281,969

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output to the image receiving apparatus.

24. (Amended) An image output method wherein an image reading apparatus,  
comprising reading means for reading an image to obtain image data representing the image and  
normalization processing condition determining means for determining a normalization  
processing condition for the image read by the reading means, outputs the image data to an  
image receiving apparatus;

wherein whether or not the normalization processing condition is within a predetermined  
range is judged and

in addition to the image data, at least one of the normalization processing condition,  
reduced image data generated from the image data by the normalization processing condition  
determining means, and a parameter for determining the normalization processing condition are  
output to the image receiving apparatus when the normalization processing condition is not  
within the predetermined range.